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LATE SEASONS, AND BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS FOR CERTAIN MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS IN THE UNITED STATES

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PART 20—MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING

Late Seasons, and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds in the United States

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule prescribes the late open seasons, shooting hours, areas, and bag and possession limits for certain migratory game birds, i.e., general waterfowl seasons; special seasons for scaup and goldeneyes; extra scaup and blue-winged teal in regular seasons; most sandhill crane seasons in the Central Flyway; coots, gallinules, and snipe in the Pacific flyway; and additional falconry seasons. The taking of the designated species of migratory birds is prohibited unless open hunting seasons are specifically provided. The rules will permit taking of the designated species within specified periods of time beginning as early as September 30, as has been the case in past years, and benefit the public by opening the seasons which are presently closed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 21, 1978.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Migratory Bird Treaty Act of July 3, 1918 (40 Stat. 755; 16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.), as amended, authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Interior, having due regard for the zones of temperature and for the distribution, abundance, economic value, breeding habits, and times and lines of flight of migratory game birds to determine when, to what extent, and by what means such birds or any part, nest, or egg thereof may be taken, hunted, captured, killed, possessed, sold, purchased, shipped, carried, exported, or transported.

The annual process for developing migratory game bird hunting regulations is divided into those for "early" seasons and those for "late" seasons. Early seasons include those which open before September 30, while late seasons open on or after September 30. Regulations are developed independently for early and late seasons. The early season regulations cover mourning doves, white-winged doves, band-tailed pigeons, rails, gallinules, woodcock, common snipe, sea ducks in the Atlantic Flyway, teal in September in the Central and Mississippi Flyways, sandhill cranes in North Dakota and South Dakota, doves in the Virgin Islands and Hawaii, all migratory game birds in Puerto Rico and Alaska, and some special falconry seasons. Late seasons include the general waterfowl seasons; special seasons for scaup and goldeneyes; extra scaup and blue-winged teal in regular seasons; most sandhill crane seasons in the Central Flyway; coots, gallinules, and snipe in the Pacific Flyway; and additional special falconry seasons.

Certain general procedures are followed in developing regulations for both the early and the late seasons. Initial regulatory proposals are first announced in a FEDERAL REGISTER document in mid-February, and opened to public comment. As additional information becomes available, and comments on the initial proposals are received and considered, supplemental proposed rulemakings are published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. At the terminatin of the comment periods and following a public hearing, the Service develops and publishes the proposed frameworks for times of seasons, season lengths, shooting hours, daily bag and possession limits, and other regulatory restraints or options. Following another public comment period and after consideration of additional comments, the Service publishes in the FEDERAL REGISTER the final frameworks. Using these frameworks, State conservation agencies select hunting season dates and offered options. States may select more restrictive seasons and options than those offered in the Service's frameworks. The final regulations, reflected in amendments to Subpart K of 50 CFR Part 20 then appear in the FEDERAL REGISTER, and become effective upon publication.

This year the process was implemented as follows. On February 14, 1978, the Service published for public comment in the FEDERAL REGISTER (43 FR 6275) proposals to amend 50 CFR Part 20, with a comment period ending May 16, 1978. That document dealt with the establishment of seasons, limits, and shooting hours for migratory birds under §§ 20.101 through 20.107 of subpart K. On May 25, 1978, the Service published for public comment in the FEDERAL REGISTER (43 FR 22421) the second document in the series consisting of supplemental proposed rulemaking dealing specifically with a number of additional or modified proposals and clarification or correction of minor portions of the earlier document. On June 28, 1978, the Service also published for public comment in the FEDERAL REGISTER (43 FR 28012) the third document in the series consisting of supplemental proposed rulemaking dealing specifically with proposed frameworks for early season migratory bird hunting regulations from which, when finalized, States could select season dates and daily bag and possession limits for the 1978-79 season. On June 30, 1978, the Service published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (43 FR 28499) the fourth document in the series consisting of final rulemaking dealing specifically with final frameworks from which wildlife conservation agency officials in Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands could select season dates for hunting certain migratory birds in Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands during the 1978-79 season. On July 24, 1978, the Service published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (43 FR 32098) the fifth document in the series consisting of final rulemaking dealing specifically with final frameworks for early season migratory bird hunting regulations in all States during the 1978-79 season from which States selected early season dates and daily bag and possession limits for the 1978-79 season. On August 11, 1978, the Service published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (43 FR 35900) the sixth document in the series consisting of final rulemaking amending subpart K of 50 CFR Part 20 to set open hunting seasons, certain closed areas, shooting hours and bag and possession limits for mourning doves, white-winged doves, band-tailed pigeons, rails, woodcock, snipe, and gallinules; September teal seasons; sea ducks in certain defined areas of the Atlantic Flyway; sandhill cranes in designated portions of North Dakota and South Dakota; and migratory game birds in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. On August 11, 1978, the Service also published for public comment in the FEDERAL REGISTER (43 FR 35890) the seventh document in the series consisting of supplemental proposed rulemaking dealing specifically with proposed frameworks for late season migratory bird hunting regulations from which, when finalized, States could select season dates and daily bag and possession limits for the 1978-79 season. On August 25, 1978, the Service published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (43 FR 38010) the eighth document in the series consisting of an amendment to correct typographical errors in season

dates for mourning doves in Texas. On September 1, 1978, the Service published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (43 FR 39286) the ninth document in the series consisting of final frameworks for late season migratory bird hunting regulations from which States selected late season dates and daily bag and possession limits for the 1978-79 season. The present document is the 10th in the series of proposed, supplemental, and final rulemaking documents for migratory game bird hunting regulations and consists of final rulemaking amending subpart K of 50 CFR Part 20 to set open hunting seasons, certain closed areas, shooting hours, and bag and possession limits for waterfowl, coots, and gallinules; sandhill cranes in parts of New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Montana, and Wyoming; common snipe in the Pacific Flyway; and additional extended falconry seasons.

On June 21, 1978, a public hearing was held in Washington, D.C., as announced in the FEDERAL REGISTER on February 14, 1978 (43 FR 6275), and May 25, 1978 (43 FR 22421), to review the status of mourning doves, woodcock, band-tailed pigeons, white-winged doves, rails, gallinules, sandhill cranes in North Dakota and South Dakota, and common snipe. Proposed hunting regulations for these species were discussed plus those governing migratory game birds in Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; Mourning doves in Hawaii; September teal seasons in the Mississippi and Central Flyways; and special sea duck seasons in the Atlantic Flyway. Statements or comments were invited.

On August 2, 1978, a public hearing was held in Washington, D.C., as announced in the FEDERAL REGISTER on February 14, 1978 (43 FR 6275), and May 25, 1978 (43 FR 22421), to review information on population status and proposed hunting regulations for waterfowl, coots, and gallinules; sandhill cranes in Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Montana, and Wyoming; common snipe in the Pacific Flyway; and special falconry regulations. Statements or comments were invited.

STEEL SHOT REGULATIONS

Nontoxic shot requirements in some areas apply to waterfowl regulations being finalized here. On February 28, 1978, the Service published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (43 FR 8144) final regulations regarding zones in all flyways in which shot shells loaded with steel shot will be required for waterfowl hunting in seasons commencing in 1978. The intended effect of establishing these steel shot regulations is to reduce the number of waterfowl deaths caused by ingesting spent lead pellets. On June 30, 1978, the Service published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (43 FR 28501) an amendment modifying descriptions of some of the zones published on February 28 in order to reduce the size of zones in New York and Texas, and permit shooting tests to be conducted within zones in Illinois and California. On June 29, 1978, the Service published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (43 FR 28205) a final rule extending the 1977 ruling (42 FR 39106; Aug. 2, 1977) allowing possession of the shells loaded with toxic shot in gauges other than 12 gauge while hunting waterfowl in nontoxic shot zones during the 1978-79 season. The extension was allowed because supplies of shells in gauges other than 12 gauge will not be available in 1978. The regulations appear under 50 CFR, §§ 20.21 and 20.108, and will also be summarized in the Service's regulations leaflets to be published late this summer.

NEPA CONSIDERATION

The "Final Environmental Statement for the Issuance of Annual Regulations Permitting the Sport Hunting of Migratory Birds (FES 75-54)" was filed with the Council on Environmental Quality on June 6, 1975, and notice of availability was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on June 13, 1975 (40 FR 24241). The final environmental assessment on shooting hours (42 FR 36495; July 15, 1977) supplemented the discussion on shooting hours in FES 75-54. In addition, several environmental assessments have been prepared on specific matters which serve to supplement the material in the final environmental statement.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT CONSIDERATION

Compliance with the Endangered Species Act, insofar as late season regulations frameworks are concerned, was described in the FEDERAL REGISTER, dated September 1, 1978 (43 FR 39286). In a biological opinion dated August 24, 1978, Acting Director Keith M. Schreiner concluded "that the late season of 1978-79 regulations frameworks in not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the species addressed herein. I further conclude that the Service had taken all reasonable measures to insure that these regulations are compatible with other conservation programs being carried out for each of these species." The Service wishes to reiterate that delays or closures of migratory bird hunting seasons will be considered, and invoked when justified, for the protection of endangered species.

The Service's biological opinions and threshold examination reports resulting from its consultation under section 7 are considered public documents and are available for public inspection in the Office of Endangered Species at 1612 K Street NW., Room 1100, Washington, D.C., and the Office of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Room 555, Matomic Building, 1717 H Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20240, or may be obtained by mail from the addresses listed.

AUTHORSHIP

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REGULATIONS PROMULGATION

After analysis of the migratory game bird survey data obtained through investigations conducted by the Service, State conservation agencies, and other sources, and consideration of all comments received on the late season proposals (43 FR 6275, Feb. 14, 1978; 43 FR 22421, May 25, 1978; and 43 FR 35890, Aug. 11, 1978), the Service published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on September 1, 1978 (43 FR 39286), final late season frameworks. Copies of the final frameworks were also sent to the officials of the State conservation agencies who were invited to submit selections for hunting seasons which complied with the shooting hours, daily bag and possession limits, season times and lengths, and areas specified in the frameworks.

The taking of the designated species of migratory birds is prohibited unless open hunting seasons are specifically provided. The amendments will permit taking of the designated species within specified time periods beginning as early as September 30, as has been the case in past years, and benefit the public by opening the seasons which are presently closed.

The rulemaking process for migratory bird hunting must, by its nature, operate under severe time constraints. However, the Service is of the view that every attempt should be made to give the public the greatest possible opportunity to comment on the regulations. Thus, when the proposed rulemakings were published on February 14, May 25, and August 11, the Service established what it believed were the longest periods possible for public comment. In doing this, the Service recognized that at the periods' close, time would be of the essence. That is, if there were a delay in the effective date of these regulations after this final rulemaking, the Service is of the opinion that the printing and distribution of Federal and State regulatory announcements and leaflets would be

delayed to the extent that hunters would not have regulatory information available prior to the beginning of the hunting seasons. The Service has determined that "good cause" exists, within the terms of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), and these regulations will, therefore, take effect immediately upon publication.

Accordingly, each State conservation agency having had an opportunity to participate in selecting the hunting seasons desired for its State on those species of migratory birds for which open seasons are now to be prescribed, and consideration having been given to all other relevant matters presented, certain sections of title 50, chapter I, subchapter B, part 20, subpart K, are amended to read as follows:

Section 20.104 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.104 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for rails, woodcock, and common (Wilson's) snipe.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, the areas open to hunting, the respective open seasons (dates inclusive), the shooting hours, and the daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

	Rails (sora and Virginia)	Rails (clapper and king)	Woodcock	Common snipe
Daily bag limits	[1] 25	([2])	5	8
Possession limits	[1] 25	([2])	10	16

Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset daily on all species, except as noted otherwise.

Check State regulations for additional restrictions, including area descriptions.

Seasons in the Atlantic Flyway				
Connecticut	Sept. 1 to Nov. 8	Sept. 1 to Nov. 8	Oct. 21 to Dec. 2	Oct. 21 to Dec. 2.
Delaware	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9	Oct. 21 to Nov. 4 and Nov. 20 to Jan. 6.	Oct. 2 to Nov. 4 and Nov. 20 to Jan. 31.
Florida	Sept. 2 to Nov. 10	Sept. 2 to Nov. 10	Dec. 16 to Feb. 18	Nov. 11 to Feb. 25.
Georgia	Sept. 9 to Nov. 17	Sept. 9 to Nov. 17	Nov. 20 to Jan. 23	Nov. 20 to Feb. 28.
Maine	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 2 to Nov. 15	Sept. 1 to Dec. 16.
Maryland	do	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9	Oct. 5 to Dec. 8	Sept. 15 to Dec. 30.
Massachusetts	do	Closed	Oct. 10 to Nov. 30	Sept. 1 to Dec. 16.
New Hampshire	Closed	do	Sept. 16 to Nov. 19	Sept. 16 to Nov. 19.
New Jersey: [3]				
North zone	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9	Oct. 4 to Nov. 27	Oct. 14 to Nov. 11 and Nov. 22 to Jan. 2,
South zone	do	do	Oct. 28 to Dec. 2 and Dec. 16 to Jan 3..	Statewide.
New York: [3]				
Northern zone including Lake Champlain.	do	Closed	Sept. 20 to Nov. 23 [4]	Sept. 1 to Nov. 23.
Southern zone	do	do	Oct. 1 to Nov. 23 [4]	Do.
Long Island	Closed	do	do	Closed.
North Carolina	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9	Nov. 18 to Jan. 20	Nov. 14 to Feb. 28.
Pennsylvania	do	Closed	Oct. 14 to Dec. 16	Oct. 14 to Dec. 16.
Rhode Island	Sept. 18 to Nov. 26	Sept. 18 to Nov. 26	Oct. 21 to Dec. 8 and Dec. 18 to Jan. 2.	Sept. 18 to Dec. 8 and Dec. 18 to Jan. 2.
South Carolina	Sept. 9 to Nov. 17	Sept. 9 to Nov. 17	Nov. 23 to Jan. 26	Nov. 14 to Feb. 28.
Vermont	Sept. 30 to Dec. 3	Closed	Sept. 30 to Dec. 3	Sept. 30 to Dec. 3.
Virginia	Sept. 9 to Nov. 17	Sept. 9 to Nov. 17	Oct. 23 to Dec. 26	Oct. 17 to Jan. 31.
West Virginia	Sept. 11 to Nov. 18	Closed	Sept. 11 to Sept. 19 and Oct. 14 to Nov. 18 and Nov. 23 to Dec. 2 and Dec. 7 to Dec. 16.	Sept. 11 to Dec. 26.
Seasons in the Mississippi Flyway				
Alabama	Nov. 11 to Jan. 19	Nov. 11 to Jan. 19	Nov. 28 to Jan. 31	Nov. 14 to Feb. 28.
Arkansas	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9	Closed	Dec. 1 to Feb. 3	Nov. 1 to Feb. 15.
Illinois	do	do	Oct. 15 to Dec. 18	Oct. 15 to Jan. 29.
Indiana	Sept. 2 to Nov. 10	do	Sept. 16 to Oct. 1 and Oct. 7 to Nov. 24.	Sept. 2 to Dec. 17.
Iowa	do	do	Sept. 23 to Nov. 26	Do.
Kentucky	Nov. 12 to Jan. 20	do	Oct. 6 to Nov. 30 and Dec. 9 to Dec. 17.	Oct. 6 to Nov. 30 and Dec. 9 to Dec. 17.
Louisiana	Sept. 22 to Nov. 30	Sept. 22 to Nov. 30	Dec. 9 to Feb. 11	Nov. 4 to Feb. 18.
Michigan: [3,5]				
Zone 1	Sept. 15 to Nov. 14	Closed	Sept. 15 to Nov. 13	Sept. 15 to Nov. 14.
Zone 2	do	do	Sept. 15 to Nov. 14	Do.
Zone 3	do	do	Oct. 20 to Nov. 14	Do.
Minnesota	Sept. 1 to Nov. 4	do	Sept. 1 to Nov. 4	Sept. 1 to Nov. 4.
Mississippi	Oct. 28 to Jan. 5	Oct. 28 to Jan. 5	Dec. 16 to Feb. 18	Nov. 18 to Feb. 28.
Missouri	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 1 to Dec. 4	Oct. 1 to Dec. 4.
Ohio	do	do	Sept. 29 to Dec. 2	Sept. 1 to Dec. 16.
Tennessee	Dec. 2 to Jan. 20	do	Oct. 21 to Nov. 26 and Feb. 1 to Feb. 28.	Nov. 19 to Feb. 28.
Seasons in the Mississippi Flyway—Continued				
Wisconsin	Oct. 1 [6] to Oct. 8 and Oct. 14 to Nov. 24.	do	Sept. 16 to Nov. 19	Oct. 1 [6] to Dec. 11.
Seasons in the Central Flyway				
Colorado [7]	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1 to Dec. 2.
Kansas	Sept. 9 to Nov. 17	do	Oct. 7 to Dec. 10	Sept. 9 to Dec. 24.
Montana [7]	Closed	do	Closed	Sept. 30 to Nov. 28.
Nebraska	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9	do	Sept. 15 to Nov. 18	Sept. 15 to Nov. 18.
New Mexico [7]	Sept. 16 to Nov. 24	do	Closed	Sept. 16 to Dec. 17.
North Dakota	Closed	do	do	Sept. 16 to Dec. 31.
Oklahoma	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9	do	Nov. 20 to Jan. 23	Oct. 21 to Feb. 4.
South Dakota	Closed	do	Closed	Sept. 1 to Oct. 31.
Texas	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9	Nov. 18 to Jan. 21	Nov. 4 to Feb. 18.
Wyoming [7]	Sept. 30 to Dec. 8	Closed	Closed	Sept. 30 to Jan. 7.

	Rails (sora and Virginia)	Rails (clapper and king)	Woodcock	Common snipe
Daily bag limits	[1] 25	([2])	5	8
Possession limits	[1] 25	([2])	10	16

Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset daily on all species, except as noted otherwise.

Check State regulations for additional restrictions, including area descriptions.

SEASONS IN THE PACIFIC FLYWAY

Arizona	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 19 to Jan. 19.
California: [3]				
Northeastern zone	do	do	do	Oct. 14 to Jan. 14.
Southern zone	do	do	do	Oct. 21 to Jan. 21.
Colorado River zone	do	do	do	Oct. 19 to Jan. 19.
Remainder of State	do	do	do	Oct. 21 to Jan. 21.
Colorado [4]	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9	do	do	Sept. 1 to Dec. 2.
Idaho: [3]				
Columbia Basin	Closed	do	do	Oct. 7 to Jan. 7.
Remainder of State	do	do	do	Oct. 7 to Jan. 14.
Montana [5]	do	do	do	Sept. 30 to Dec. 31.
Nevada:				
Clark County	do	do	do	Oct. 21 to Jan. 21.
Remainder of State	do	do	do	Oct. 7 to Jan. 7.
New Mexico [6]	Sept. 16 to Nov. 24	do	do	Sept. 16 to Dec. 17.
Oregon: [3]				
Columbia Basin	Closed	do	do	Oct. 14 to Jan. 21.
Remainder of State	do	do	do	Oct. 14 to Jan. 14.
Utah	do	do	do	Oct. 7 to Jan. 7.
Washington: [3]				
Columbia Basin	do	do	do	Oct. 14 to Jan. 21.
Remainder of State	do	do	do	Oct. 14 to Jan. 14.
Wyoming [8]	Sept. 30 to Dec. 8	do	do	Sept. 30 to Dec. 31.

[1] The bag and possession limits for sora and Virginia rails apply singly or in the aggregate of these two species.

[2] In addition to the limits on sora and Virginia rails, in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Rhode Island, there is a daily bag limit of 10 and possession limit of 20 clapper and king rails, singly or in the aggregate of these two species, and in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia, there is a daily bag limit of 15 and possession limit of 30 clapper and king rails, singly or in the aggregate of these two species.

[3] For description of zones or management units within a State, see State regulations.

[4] In New York, shooting hours for woodcock are sunrise to sunset daily.

[5] In Michigan, in the counties of Arenac, Bay, Huron, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair, Tuscola, and Wayne, and adjacent Great Lakes and connecting waters, the snipe and rail seasons shall open concurrently with the duck season and shall run continuously in all areas through Nov. 14.

[6] On the first day the season opens at 12 noon.

[7] The Central Flyway portion consists of: Colorado and Wyoming—the area lying east of the Continental Divide; Montana—the area lying east of Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Park Counties; New Mexico—the area lying east of the Continental Divide but outside the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation. The remainder portions of these States are in the Pacific Flyway.

[8] Seasons apply to Pacific Flyway portion of State only. The Pacific Flyway portion consists of: Colorado and Wyoming—the area lying west of the Continental Divide; Montana—the counties of Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Park, and all counties west thereof; New Mexico—the area lying west of the Continental Divide plus the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation.

Section 20.105 is amended to read as follows:

§ 20.105 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for waterfowl, coots, and gallinules.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, the areas open to hunting, the respective open seasons (dates inclusive), the shooting hours, and the daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

(a) *Sea ducks.* (1) An open season for taking scoter, eider, and oldsquaw ducks is precribed according to the following table during the period between September 16, 1978, and January 20, 1979, in all coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut; in those coastal waters of New York lying in Long Island and Block Island Sounds and associated bays eastward from a line running between Miamogue Point in the town of Riverhead to Red Cedar Point in the town of Southampton, including any ocean waters of New York lying south of Long Island; in any waters of the Atlantic Ocean and, in addition, in any tidal waters of any bay which are separated by at least 1 mile of open water from any shore, island, and emergent vegetation in New Jersey, South Carolina, and Georgia; and in any waters of the Atlantic Ocean and/or in any tidal waters of any bay which are separated be at least 800 yards of open water from any shore, island, and emergent vegetation in Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia: *Provided,* That any such areas have been described, delineated, and designated as special sea duck hunting areas under the hunting regulations adopted by the respective States. In all other areas of these States and in all other States in the Atlantic Flyway, sea ducks may be taken only during the regular open season for ducks.

(2) The daily bag limit is 7 and the possession limit 14, singly or in the aggregate of these species. During the regular duck season in the Atlantic Flyway, States may set in addition to the limits prescribed for such seasons a daily bag limit of 7 and possession limit of 14 scoter, eider, and oldsquaw ducks, singly or in the aggregate of these species.

(3) Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset daily.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

Seasons in:	
Connecticut	Oct. 7 to Jan. 6.
Delaware	Sept. 30 to Jan. 13.
Georgia	Nov. 22 to Jan. 20.
Maine	Oct. 2 to Jan. 16.
Maryland	Oct. 6 to Jan. 20.
Massachusetts	Do.
New Hampshire	Sept. 18 to Jan. 2.
New Jersey	Oct. 2 to Jan. 16.
New York	Sept. 21 to Jan. 5.
North Carolina	Oct. 6 to Jan. 20.
Rhode Island	Do.
South Carolina	Do.
Virginia	Do.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this part 20, the shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Delaware, Virginia, and Maryland in those areas described, delineated, and designated in their respective hunting regulations as being open to sea duck hunting.

(b) *Teal.* September season:

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(c) *Gallinules.*

Limits in the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways:

Daily bag limit	15
Possession limit	30

Limits in the Pacific Flyway: The daily bag and possession limits are 25 gallinules and coots singly or in the aggregate of these two species.

Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

Seasons in the Atlantic Flyway:	
Connecticut	Sept. 1 to Nov. 8.
Delaware	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9.
Florida[1]	Sept. 2 to Nov. 10.
Georgia	Nov. 22 to Jan. 20.
Maine	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9.
Maryland	Do.
Massachusetts	Do.
New Hampshire	Closed.
New Jersey	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9.
New York:	
Long Island	Closed.
Remainder of State	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9.
North Carolina	Do.
Pennsylvania	Do.
Rhode Island	Sept. 18 to Nov. 26.
South Carolina	Sept. 9 to Nov. 17
Vermont	Sept. 30 to Dec. 3.
Virginia	Oct. 4 to Oct. 7. Dec. 6 to Jan. 20.
West Virginia	Oct. 4 to Oct. 21. Dec. 13 to Jan. 13.
Seasons in the Mississippi Flyway:	
Alabama	Nov. 11 to Jan. 19.
Arkansas	Nov. 7 to Jan. 15.
Illinois	closed.
Indiana	Sept. 2 to Nov. 10.
Iowa	Closed.
Kentucky	Nov. 12 to Jan. 20.
Louisiana	Sept. 22 to Nov. 30.
Michigan:	
Zone 1	Oct. 1 to Nov. 19.
Zones 2 and 3	Oct. 11 to Nov. 29.
Minnesota	Oct. 1 to Nov. 19.
Mississippi	Oct. 28 to Jan. 5.
Missouri	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9.
Ohio	Do.
Tennessee	Dec. 2 to Jan. 20.
Wisconsin	Oct. 1[2] to Oct. 8. Oct. 14 to Nov. 24.
Seasons in the Central Flyway:	
Colorado[3]	Closed.
Kansas	Do.
Montana[3]	Do.
Nebraska	Do.
New Mexico[3]	Oct. 31 to Jan 7.
North Dakota	Closed.
Oklahoma	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9.
South Dakota	Closed.
Texas	Sept. 1 to Nov. 9.
Wyoming[3]	Closed.
Seasons in the Pacific Flyway:	
Arizona	Oct. 19 to Jan. 19.
California:	
Northeastern zone	Oct. 14 to Jan. 14.
Southern zone	Oct. 21 to Jan. 21.
Colorado River zone	Oct. 19 to Jan. 19.
Remainder of State	Oct. 21 to Jan. 21.
Colorado[4]	Closed.
Idaho:	
Columbia basin	Oct. 7 to Jan. 7.
Remainder of State	Oct. 7 to Jan. 14.
Montana[4]	Closed.
Nevada:	
Clark County	Oct. 21 to Jan. 21.
Remainder of State	Oct. 7 to Jan. 7.
New Mexico[4]	Oct. 31 to Jan. 7.
Oregon:	
Columbia basin	Oct. 14 to Jan. 21.
Remainder of State	Oct. 14 to Jan. 14.
Utah	Oct. 7 to Jan. 7.
Washington:	
Columbia basin	Oct. 14 to Jan. 21.
Remainder of State	Oct. 14 to Jan. 14.
Wyoming[4]	Closed.

[1] The gallinule season in Florida applies to the common or Florida gallinule only. No open season on purple gallinules in Florida.

[2] On the first day the season opens at 12 noon.

[3] Seasons apply to Central Flyway portion of State only.

[4] Seasons apply to Pacific Flyway portion of State only.

(d) *Waterfowl and coots in Atlantic, Mississippi, Central and Pacific Flyways.*

FLYWAYWIDE RESTRICTIONS

In all States in the Atlantic Flyway: Wood ducks—No more than two wood ducks may be taken daily nor more than four wood ducks may be possessed. Exceptions: During duck seasons prior to October 16, 1978, in North Carolina and Virginia, under conventional regulations, no special restrictions within the regular daily bag and possession limits shall apply to wood ducks; under the point system, the point value of wood ducks shall be 25. In Pennsylvania, the possession limit is two wood ducks.

Hooded mergansers—In States selecting conventional regulations, no more than one hooded merganser may be taken daily nor more than two hooded mergansers may be possessed.

Brant—The season is closed on brant.

Canvasbacks and redheads—Except in closed areas, the limit on canvasbacks and redheads—is one canvasback daily and one in possession or one redhead daily and one in possession under conventional regulations. Under the point system canvasbacks count 100 points each, except in closed areas, and redheads count 70 points each, except in closed areas. The areas closed to canvasback and redhead hunting are:

New York—Upper Niagara River between the Peace Bridge at Buffalo, N.Y., and the Niagara Falls. All waters of Lake Cayuga.

New Jersey—Those portions of Monmouth County and Ocean County lying east of the Garden State Parkway.

Maryland—That portion lying east of U.S. Highway 1.

North Carolina and Virginia—Closed statewide.

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Shooting (including hawking) hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily except as otherwise restricted.

The season dates for mergansers and coots are the same as those for ducks in the following tables:

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Connecticut:			
Ducks		4	8
North zone[1]	Oct. 21 to Nov. 4 and Nov. 18 to Dec. 22.		
South zone[1]	Oct. 21 to Oct. 25 and Dec. 1 to Jan. 13.		
Including no more than: Black ducks.		2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Oct. 21 to Nov. 4 and Nov. 20 to Jan. 13.	3	6
Snow (including blue)	Oct. 21 to Dec. 29	2	4

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Delaware:			
Ducks	Nov. 8 to Dec. 2 and Dec. 20 to Jan. 13.	5	10
Including no more than: Black ducks.		1	2
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Oct. 28 to Dec. 16 and Dec. 20 to Jan. 27.	4	8
Snow (including blue)	Oct. 28 to Nov. 27 and Dec. 20 to Jan. 27.	2	4
Florida:			
Ducks	Nov. 22 to Dec. 10 and Dec. 21 to Jan. 20.	Point system.	
Coots		15	30
Geese	Closed		
Georgia:			
Ducks	Nov. 22 to Dec. 2 and Dec. 13 to Jan. 20.	5	10
Including no more than: Black ducks.		1	2
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese	Closed		
Maine:			
Ducks		4	8
North zone (wildlife management units 1-3).	Oct.[2] 2 to Nov. 20		
South zone (wildlife management units 4-8).	Oct.[2] 2 to Oct. 21 and Nov. 10 to Dec. 9.		
Including no more than: Black ducks.		2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese	Oct. 2 [2] to Dec. 10	3	6
Canada		3	6
Snow (including blue)		2	4
Maryland:			
Ducks	Nov. 9 to Nov. 24 and Dec. 4 to Jan. 6.	Point system.	
Coots		15	30
Geese			
Canada:			
In Delmarva Peninsula [3]	Oct. 20 to Nov. 24 and Dec. 4 to Jan. 26.	3	6
In remainder of State	Nov. 3 to Nov. 24 and Dec. 4 to Jan. 20.	3	6
Snow (including blue)	do	2	4
Massachusetts:			
Ducks [4]	Oct. 11 to Oct. 28 and Dec. 6 to Jan. 6	4	8
Including no more than: Black ducks.		2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese	Oct. 11 to Nov. 10 and Dec. 6 to Jan 13.		
Canada		3	6
Snow (including blue)		2	4
New Hampshire:			
Ducks	Oct. 5 to Oct. 29 and Nov. 23 to Dec. 17.	4	8
Including no more than: Black ducks.		2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese	Oct. 5 to Oct. 29 and Nov. 11 to Dec. 25.		
Canada		3	6
Snow (including blue)		2	4
New Jersey:			
Ducks	Oct. 14 to Oct. 21 and Nov. 22 to Jan. 2.	Point system.[5]	
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada:			
In the south zone [6]	Oct. 3 to Nov. 4 and Nov. 22 to Jan. 17.	4	8
In remainder of State	Oct. 3 to Oct. 30 and Nov. 22 to Jan. 2	3	6
Snow (including blue)	Oct. 14 to Nov. 11 and Nov. 22 to Jan. 1.	2	4
New York:			
Long Island area:			
Ducks	Nov. 15 to Jan. 3	4	8
Including no more than: Black ducks.		2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese	Nov. 15 to Jan. 20		
Canada		3	6
Snow (including blue)		2	4

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Lake Champlain area:			
Ducks	Oct. 4 to Nov. 22	4	8
Including no more than: Black ducks.		2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese	Oct. 4 to Dec. 12		
Canada		3	6
Snow (including blue)		2	4
North zone [7]			
Ducks	Oct. 4 to Oct. 29 and Nov. 10 to Dec. 3.	5	10
Including no more than: Black ducks.		1	2
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese	Oct. 4 to Dec. 12		
Canada		3	6
Snow (including blue)		2	4
South zone [7]			
Ducks	Oct. 11 to Oct. 22 and Nov. 3 to Dec. 10.	5	10
Including no more than: Black ducks.		1	2
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese	Oct. 4 to Dec. 12		
Canada		3	6
Snow (including blue)		2	4
West zone [7]			
Ducks	Oct. 11 to Nov. 16 and Dec. 20 to Jan. 1.	5	10
Including no more than: Black ducks.		1	2
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese	Oct. 4 to Dec. 12		
Canada		3	6
Snow (including blue)		2	4
North Carolina:			
Ducks (except canvasbacks and redheads).		5	10
East zone [8]	Nov. 22 to Nov. 25 and Dec. 6 to Jan. 20.		
West zone [8, 9]	Oct. 4 to Oct. 7 and Dec. 6 to Jan. 20		
Canvasbacks and redheads	Closed		
Including no more than: Black ducks.		1	2
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Nov. 22 to Nov. 25 and Dec. 6 to Jan. 20.	2	4
Snow (including blue)	Nov. 13 to Jan. 20	2	4
Pennsylvania:			
Ducks	Oct. 11 [10] to Oct. 21 and Nov. 1 to Dec. 9.	4	8
Including no more than:			
Black ducks		2	4
Wood ducks		2	2
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada:			
In southeastern zone [11]	Oct. 11 [10] to Dec. 19 and Dec. 26 to Jan. 13.	4	8
In remainder of the State [12]	Oct. 11 [10] to Dec. 19	3	6
Snow (including blue)	do	2	4
Rhode Island:			
Ducks	Oct. 12 to Oct. 15 and Nov. 22 to Jan. 6.	Point system.	
Coots		15	30
Geese	Nov. 11 to Jan. 19		
Canada		3	6
Snow (including blue)		2	4
South Carolina:			
Ducks	Nov. 22 to Nov. 25 and Dec. 6 to Jan. 20.	5	10
Including no more than:			
Black ducks		1	2
Mottled ducks	Season closed		
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Beaufort, Colleton, and McCormick Counties.	Season closed		
Remainder of State	Nov. 22 to Nov. 25 and Dec. 6 to Jan. 20.		
Canada		1	2
Snow (including blue)		2	4

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Vermont:			
Ducks	Oct. 4 to Nov. 22	4	8
Including no more than: Black ducks.		2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese [13]	Oct. 4 to Dec. 12		
Canada		3	6
Snow (including blue)		2	4
Virginia:			
Ducks (except canvasbacks and redheads)[14].	Oct. 4 to Oct. 7 and Dec. 6 to Jan. 20	Point system.	
Canvasbacks and redheads	Closed		
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada:			
In Back Bay area [15]	Oct. 4 to Oct. 7 and Dec. 6 to Jan. 20	2	4
In Delmarva Peninsula area	Nov. 3 to Jan. 31	4	8
In remainder of State	Nov. 13 to Jan. 20	3	6
Snow (including blue):			
In Back Bay area [16]	Dec. 6 to Jan. 20	2	4
In remainder of State	Nov. 13 to Jan. 20	2	4
West Virginia:			
Ducks	Oct. 4 to Oct. 21 and Dec. 13 to Jan. 13.	4	8
Including no more than: Black ducks.		2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese	Oct. 4 to Oct. 21 and Dec. 13 to Jan. 13.		
Canada		3	6
Snow (including blue)		2	4

[1] In Connecticut, the north zone is that portion of the State north of Interstate 95. The south zone is that portion of the State south of Interstate 95.

[2] In Maine, on the first day the season opens at sunrise.

[3] In Maryland, the Delmarva Peninsula includes the counties of Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Annes, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester.

[4] Season closed on wood ducks in Nantucket County.

[5] In New Jersey, the green-winged teal is assigned 25 points.

[6] In New Jersey, the south zone is that portion of the State south of the Atlantic City Expressway from its juncture with Interstate 76 near Camden east to Atlantic City.

[7] In New York, the west zone is that portion of Upstate New York lying west of a line commencing at the north shore of the Salmon River and its junction with Lake Ontario and extending easterly along the north shore of the Salmon River to its intersection with Interstate Highway 81, then southerly along Interstate Highway 81 to the Pennsylvania border. The north and south zones are bordered on the west by the boundary of the west zone and are separated from each other as follows: starting at the intersection of Interstate Highway 81 and New York Route 49 and extending easterly along Route 49 to its junction with Route 8 in Utica, then southerly along Route 8 to its intersection with U.S. Highway 20 in Bridgewater, then easterly along U.S. Highway 20 to the Massachussets border.

[8] In North Carolina, the east zone is that portion of the State east of U.S. Highway 1. The west zone is that portion of the state west of U.S. Highway 1.

[9] No special daily bag and possession limit restrictions apply to wood ducks during the October 4-7 season.

[10] In Pennsylvania, on the first day the season opens at 12 noon.

[11] In Pennsylvania, the southeastern zone is that portion of the State lying east and south of a boundary beginning at Interstate Highway 83 at the Maryland border and extending north to Harrisburg, then east on U.S. Highway 22 to the New Jersey border.

[12] In Pennsylvania, in Butler, Crawford, Erie, and Mercer Counties, and the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area, the Canada goose daily bag limit is 1 and the possession limit is 2.

[13] See State regulations for further limit restrictions for Dead Creek Area, Addison County, Vt.

[14] In Virginia, the wood duck is assigned 25 points during the Oct. 4-Oct. 7 season.

[15] In Virginia, the Back Bay area is defined for Canada geese as those portions of the cities of Virginia Beach and Chesapeake lying east of U.S. Highway 17 and Interstate 64.

[16] In Virginia, the Back Bay area is defined for snow (including blue) geese as the waters of Back Bay and its tributaries and the marshes adjacent thereto, and on the land and marshes between Back Bay and the Atlantic Ocean from Sandbridge to the North Carolina line, and on and along the shore of North Landing River and the marshes adjacent thereto, and on and along the shores of Lake Tecumseh and Red Wing Lake and the Marshes adjacent thereto.

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily except as otherwise restricted.

FLYWAYWIDE RESTRICTIONS

In all States in the Mississippi Flyway selecting conventional regulations:

Mallards and black ducks—No more than two mallards or two black ducks or one of each may be taken daily nor more than four mallards or four black ducks or four in the aggregate may be possessed.

Wood ducks—No more than two wood ducks may be taken daily nor more than four wood ducks may be possessed, except in the Pymatuning area of Ohio, the possession limit is two wood ducks.

Hooded mergansers—No more than one hooded merganser may be taken daily nor more than two hooded mergansers may be possessed.

Canvasbacks and redheads—Except in closed areas, the limit on canvasbacks and redheads is one canvasback daily and one in possession or one redhead daily and one in possession under conventional regulations. Under the point system canvasbacks count 100 points each, except in closed areas, and redheads count 70 points each,

except in closed areas. The areas closed to canvasback and redhead hunting are:

Mississippi River—Entire river, both sides, from Alton Dam upstream to Prescott, Wis., at confluence of St. Croix River.

Alabama—Baldwin and Mobile Counties.

Louisiana—Caddo, St. Charles, and St. Mary Parishes; that portion of ward 1 formerly designated as ward 6 of St. Martin Parish; and Catahoula Lake in LaSalle and Rapides Parishes.

Michigan—Arenac, Bay, Huron, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair, Tuscola, and Wayne Counties, and those adjacent waters of Saginaw Bay south of a line extending from Point au Gres in sec. 6, T. 18 N., R. 7 E. (Arenac County) to Sand Point in sec. 11, T. 17 N., R. 9 E. (Huron County), the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River, and Lake Erie, under the jurisdiction of the State of Michigan.

Minnesota—Douglas, Mahnomen, Polk, Pope, and Sibley Counties. Where the county line of any of the above counties crosses any portion of a lake, that entire lake is closed. In addition, all land in sec. 13, T. 130 N., R. 31 W. (i.e., land between Lake Christina and Pelican Lake) is closed.

Ohio—Land and water areas comprising Erie, Ottawa, and Sandusky Counties.

Tennessee—Kentucky Lake lying north of Interstate Highway 40.

Wisconsin—In the Mississippi River Zone, all that portion of Wisconsin west of the Burlington-Northern Railroad in Grant, Crawford, Vernon, LaCross, Trempealeau, Buffalo, Pepin, and Pierce Counties. Also, the following lakes and waters, including a strip of land 100 yards wide adjacent to the shorelines thereof: Lake Poygan in Winnebago and Waushara Counties and Lakes Winneconne and Butte des Morts, including the connecting waters thereof, in Winnebago County.

White-fronted geese—No more that two white-fronted geese may be taken daily or possessed.

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The season dates for mergansers and coots are the same as those for ducks in the following tables.

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Alabama:			
Ducks		Point system.	
North zone [1]	Dec. 2 to Jan. 20		
South zone [1]	Nov. 16 to Jan. 4		
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
In Chambers, Henry, Russell and Barbour Counties.	Closed season		
In remainder of State	Nov. 12 to Jan. 20		
Including no more than:			
Canada		2	4
White-fronted		2	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined.		2	4
Snow (including blue)		5	5
Arkansas:			
Ducks	Nov. 18 to Dec. 10 and Dec. 23 to Jan. 18.	Point system.	
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada [2]	Nov. 18 to Dec. 10 and Dec. 23 to Jan. 18.	1	2
White-fronted		2	2
Snow (including blue)	Nov. 10 to Jan. 18	5	5
Illinois:			
Ducks		Point system.[3]	
North zone [4]	Oct. 19 to Dec. 7		
South zone [4]	Nov. 2 to Dec. 21		
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
In Alexander, Jackson, Union, and Williamson Counties [5]			
Canada	Nov. 13 to Jan. 20		
Snow-white fronted geese	Oct. 19 to Dec. 27		
	Nov. 13 to Jan. 20		
In remainder of the State [6]	Oct. 19 to Dec. 27		
For the entire State, including no more than:			
Canada [7]		2	4
White-fronted		2	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined.		2	4
Snow (including blue)		5	5
Indiana:			
Ducks		Point system.	
North zone [8]	Oct. 21 to Dec. 9		
South zone [8]	Nov. 11 to Dec. 30		
Coots		15	30
Geese	October 14 to Nov. 16 and Dec. 16 to Jan 20.	5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada		2	2
White-fronted		2	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined.		2	4
Snow (including blue)		5	5
Iowa:			
Ducks	Oct. 1 to Oct. 8 and Oct. 21 to Dec. 1	Point system.	
Coots		15	30
Geese	Oct. 1 to Dec. 9	5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada		2	4
White-fronted		2	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined.		4	4
Snow (including blue)		5	5

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Kentucky:			
Ducks	Nov. 18 to Nov. 26 and Dec. 2 to Jan. 11.	Point system.	
Coots		15	30
Geese	Nov. 12 to Jan 20		
Including no more than:			
Canada [7 9]		2	4
White-fronted		2	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined.		2	4
Snow (including blue)		5	5
Louisiana:			
Ducks		Point system.	
East zone [10]	Nov. 18 to Nov. 26 and Dec. 2 to Jan. 11.		
West zone [10]	Nov. 4 to Dec. 3 and Dec. 16 to Jan. 9.		
Coots		15	30
Geese (except Canada)		5	5
East zone [10]	Nov. 18 to Nov. 26 and Dec. 2 to Jan. 31.		
West zone [10]	Nov. 4 to Dec. 3 and Dec. 16 to Jan. 24.		
Including no more than:			
White-fronted		2	2
Snow (including blue)		5	5
Canada	Closed season		
Michigan:			
Ducks		Point system. [11]	
North zone (zone 1) [12]	Oct. 1 to Nov. 19		
South zone (zones 2 and 3) [12]	Oct. 11 to Nov. 29		
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
North zone (zone 1) [12 13]	Oct. 1 to Nov. 19	5	5
South zone:			
(Zone 2) [12]	Oct. 1 to Nov. 30		
(Zone 3) [12 14]	Oct. 11 to Nov. 30		
Including no more than:			
Canada [13 14]		1	1
White-fronted		2	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined.		2	3
Snow (including blue)		5	5
Minnesota: [12]			
Ducks	Oct. 1 to Nov 19 [15]	5	10
Including no more than:			
Mallards		2	4
Black ducks		2	4
Mallards and black ducks combined.		2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
In Lac Qui Parle quota zone [16]	Oct. 1 to Nov. 14		
Including no more than:			
Canada		1	4
White-fronted		2	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined.		2	4
Snow (including blue)		5	5
In Southeastern zone [17]	Oct. 1 to Dec. 9		
Including no more than:			
Canada		2	4
White-fronted		2	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined.		2	4
Snow (including blue)		5	5
In remainder of State	Oct. 1 to Nov. 14		
Including no more than:			
Canada		2	4
White-fronted		2	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined.		2	4
Snow (including blue)		5	5
Mississippi:			
Ducks	Dec. 2 to Jan. 20	Point system.	
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
In areas west of Mississippi River (31° to 33° N lat.).	Nov. 18 to Nov. 26 and Dec. 2 to Jan. 31.		
In remainder of the State including no more than:.		5	5
Canada:			
Sardis Reservoir area [18]	Oct. 14 to Nov. 2 and Dec. 2 to Jan. 20.	1	2
In remainder of the State	Closed season		
White-fronted	Oct. 14 to Nov. 9 and Dec. 9 to Jan. 20.	2	2
Snow (including blue)	do	5	5

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Missouri:			
Ducks		Point system.	
North zone [19]	Oct. 24 to Dec. 12		
South zone [19]	Nov. 14 to Jan. 2		
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada:			
Southeastern area east of U.S. Highway 67 and south of Crystal City.	Dec. 7 to Jan. 20	2	4
In Swan Lake zone [7 18 20]	Oct. 24 to Jan. 1	2	4
In remainder of State	Oct. 24 to Dec. 7	2	4
White-fronted	Oct. 24 to Jan. 1	2	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined		2	4
Snow (including blue)	Oct. 24 to Jan. 1	5	5
Ohio:			
In Pymatuning area: [12]			
Ducks	Oct. 11 [21] to Oct. 21 and Nov. 1 to Dec. 9.	4	8
Including no more than:			
Black ducks		2	4
Wood ducks		2	2
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Oct. 11 [21] to Dec. 19	1	2
Snow (including blue)	do	2	4
In remainder of State:			
Ducks		Point system.	
In North zone [22]	Oct. 19 to Dec. 7		
In South zone [22]	Nov. 11 to Dec. 30		
Coots		15	30
Geese	Oct. 19 to Dec. 22 and Dec. 26 to Dec. 30.	5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada:			
In Ashtabula, Trumbull, Marion, Wyandot, Lucas, Ottowa, Erie, Sandusky, Mercer, and Auglaize Counties.		1	2
In remainder of the State		2	2
White-fronted		2	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined.		2	4
Snow (including blue)		5	5
Tennessee:			
Ducks	Dec. 2 to Jan. 20	Point system.	
Coots		15	30
Geese	Nov. 12 to Jan. 20		
Including no more than:			
Canada: [23]			
West of State Highway 13		2	2
In remainder of State		1	2
White-fronted		2	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined:			
West of State Highway 13		4	4
In remainder of State		3	4
Snow (including blue)		5	5

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Wisconsin:			
Ducks	Oct. 1 [21] to Oct. 8 and Oct. 14 to Nov. 24.	Point system.[24]	
Coots		15	30
Geese: [7]			
In Horicon zone [12]	Oct. 1 [21] to Dec. 9		
Including no more than:			
Canada	Oct. 1 [21] to Oct. 15	1	1
	Oct. 16 to Dec. 9	2	2
White-fronted		2	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined.	Oct. 1 [21] to Oct. 15	2	3
	Oct. 16 to Dec. 9	2	4
Snow (including blue)		5	5
In east central zone [12]	October 1 [21] to Oct. 8 and Oct. 14 to Dec. 14.		
Including no more than:			
Canada		1	2
White-fronted		2	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined.		2	4
Snow (including blue)		5	5
In remainder of State	Oct. 1 [21] to Oct. 8 and Oct. 14 to Dec. 14.		
Including no more than:			
Canada		1	2
White-fronted		2	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined.		2	4
Snow (including blue)		5	5

[1] In Alabama, the south zone consists of Mobile and Baldwin Counties. The north zone consists of the remainder of Alabama.

[2] In Arkansas, the season is closed on Canada geese in those portions of the State encompassed by the boundaries described as follows: (1) Beginning at the junction of State Highway 139 and the Arkansas-Missouri border near Monette, then south on State Highway 139 to State Highway 158, then east on State Highway 158 to the Arkansas-Tennessee border on the Mississippi River near Luxora. All lands along the Arkansas-Missouri and Arkansas-Tennessee State boundaries within this area are included. (2) Beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 40 and the Arkansas-Tennessee border on the Mississippi River, then west on Interstate Highway 40 to Interstate Highway 55, then north on Interstate Highway 55 to State Highway 118, then east on State Highway 118 to the Arkansas-Tennessee border on the Mississippi River near Pecan Point. All Arkansas lands along the Arkansas-Tennessee State boundary within this area are included. (3) Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 49 and the Arkansas-Mississippi border near Helena, then west on U.S. Highway 49 to U.S. Highway 79, then west on U.S. Highway 79 to State Highway 33, then south on State Highway 33 to State Highway 153, then southeasterly on State Highway 153 to State Highway 1, then east on State Highway 1 to State Highway 17, then south on State Highway 17 to State Highway 44, then west on State Highway 44 to County Road 96 at Tichnor, then south on County Road 96 to Arkansas Post Canal lock No. 2, then west along the Arkansas Post Canal to the Arkansas River, then southeasterly along the Arkansas River to the Arkansas-Mis- sissippi border. All Arkansas lands along the Arkansas-Mississippi State boundary within this area are included.

[3] In Illinois the readhead is assigned 100 points.

[4] In Illinois, the north zone is that portion of the State north of U.S. Highway 50. The south zone is the remainder of Illinois.

[5] Shooting hours for geese are sunrise until 3 p.m. local time.

[6] In Illinois, at Rend Lake and the Baldwin Fish and Wildlife Management Area, the season is Nov. 2 to Dec. 27. See State regulations.

[7] In Illinois and Wisconsin, the kill of Canada geese will be limited to 50,000 in each State. In the Ballard County zone of Kentucky, the kill will be limited to 15,000 birds. In the Swan Lake zone of Missouri the kill of Canada geese will be limited to 30,000 birds. In the Lac Qui Parle zone of Minnesota, the kill of Canada geese will be limited to 7,000 birds. When it is determined by the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, that the quota of Canada geese allotted to the southern Illinois zone, the Swan Lake zone of Missouri, or the Ballard County zone of Kentucky will have been filled, the season for taking Canada geese in the respective area will be closed by the Director upon giving public notice through local information media at least 48 hours in advance of the time and date of closing.

[8] In Indiana, the north zone consists of that portion of the State north of State Highway 18. The south zone consists of the remainder of Indiana.

[9] In Kentucky, the Ballard County zone is the same as described in 1977 Federal regulations and current State regulations.

[10] In Louisiana the west zone is described as follows: That portion of Louisiana west of a boundary beginning at the Arkansas-Louisiana border on Louisiana Highway 3; then south along Louisiana Highway 3 to Shreveport; then east along Interstate 20 to Minden; then south along Louisiana Highway 7 to Ringgold; then east along Louisiana Highway 4 to Jonesboro; then south along U.S. Highway 167 to Lafayette; then southeast along U.S. Highway 90 to Houma; then south along the Houma Navigation Channel to the Gulf of Mexico through Cat Island Pass. The east zone consists of the remainder of Louisiana.

[11] In Michigan, the 10-point category is assigned 15 points.

[12] See State regulations for area descriptions.

[13] In Michigan, in Baraga, Dickinson, Delta, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Marquette, Menominee and Ontonagon, the daily bag limit is 2 Canada geese or 2 white-fronted geese or 1 of each and the possession limit is 2 Canada and 2 white-fronted geese.

[14] In Michigan, in the southestern Canada Goose Management Area—(as described in 1977 Federal regulations and current State regulations)—from Oct. 11 through Nov. 14, the daily bag limit is 1 Canada goose or 2 white-fronted geese or 1 of each, and the possession limit is 1 Canada and 2 white-fronted geese; from Nov. 15 through Dec. 9, the daily bag limit is 2 Canada geese or 2 white-fronted geese or 1 of each, and the possession limit is 2 Canada and 2 white-fronted geese.

[15] In Minnesota, the shooting hours for ducks vary as follows: Oct. 1—9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Oct. 2 through Oct. 20—½ hour before sunrise to 4 p.m.; and Oct. 21 through Nov. 19—½ hour before sunrise through sunset.

[16] In Minnesota, the Lac Qui Parle zone is that area encompassed by a boundary described as follows:

Beginning at Montevideo, then west on U.S. Highway 212 to U.S. Highway 75, then north on U.S. Highway 75 to State Highway 7 at Odessa, then north on County State Aid Highway 21, Big Stone County, to U.S. Highway 12, then east on U.S. Highway 12 to County State Aid Highway 17, Swift County, then south on C.S.A.H. 17 and C.S.A.H. 9, Chippewa County, to State Highway 40, then east on State Highway 40 to State Highway 29, then south on State Highway 29 to point of beginning at Montevideo.

[17] In Minnesota, the southeastern zone is described in State regulations.

[18] In Mississippi the Sardis Reservoir area is that area encompassed by Interstate Highway 55 on the west, State Highway 7 on the east, State Highway 310 on the north and State Highway 6 on the south.

[19] In Missouri the north zone consists of that portion of the State north of a line running easterly from the Kansas-Missouri border along U.S. Highway 160 to the junction of U.S. Highway 60 in Springfield, along U.S. Highway 60 to the junction of State Highway 21, along State Highway 21 to the junction of State Highway 34, and along State Highway 34 to the Illinois-Missouri border along the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau. The south zone consists of the remainder of Missouri.

[20] In the Swan Lake zone of Missouri, through November 26, the daily bag limit is 1 Canada goose or 2 white-fronted geese, or 1 of each; the possession limit is 2 Canada and 2 white-fronted geese. After November 26, the daily bag limit is 2 Canada geese, or 2 white-fronted geese, or 1 of each; the possession limit is 4 Canada and white-fronted geese in the aggregate, of which no more than 2 may be white-fronted geese.

[21] On the first day the season opens at 12 noon.

[22] In Ohio the north zone consists of that portion of Ohio north of Interstate Highway 70. The south zone consists of the remainder of the State.

[23] In Tennessee the season is closed in the Canada goose restoration areas. See State regulations.

[24] In Wisconsin the point-system season is split, with different point values assigned during each split season by State regulation. See Wisconsin regulations for point values assigned by the State for various species during each season.

CENTRAL FLYWAY

The Central Flyway consists of Colorado (east of the Continental Divide), Kansas, Montana (east of Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Park Counties), Nebraska, New Mexico (east of the Continental Divide and outside the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation), North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming (east of the Continental Divide).

Dark geese include Canada geese and white-fronted geese.

Light geese include snow (and blue) geese and Ross' geese.

Shooting (including hawking) hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily except as otherwise restricted.

FLYWAYWIDE RESTRICTIONS

Canvasbacks and redheads—Except in closed areas, the daily bag and possession limits may include no more than 1 canvasback or 1 redhead. Except in closed areas, canvasbacks count 100 points each and redheads 70 points each under the point system. The areas closed to canvasback and redhead hunting are:

North Dakota—That portion lying east of State Highway 3, including all or portions of 27 counties.

South Dakota—All of Marshall County; that portion of Day County east of State Highway 25; that portion of Codington County south of State Highway 20 and west of U.S. Highway 81; that portion of Hamlin County west of U.S. Highway 81; and that portion of Kingsbury County east of State Highway 25 and north of U.S. Highway 14.

Texas—The counties of Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jefferson, and Orange.

Mallards—No more than 4 mallards of which no more than 1 may be a female may be included in the aggregate daily bag limit on ducks, and no more than 8 mallards of which no more than 2 may be females may be possessed.

Wood ducks—No more than 2 wood ducks may be included in the aggregate daily bag limit on ducks, and no more than 4 wood ducks may be possessed.

Mergansers—All mergansers are to be included within the daily bag and

possession limits under conventional and point system regulations. No more than 1 hooded merganser may be included in the aggregate daily bag limit, and no more than 2 hooded mergansers may be possessed.

Ross' geese—No more than 1 Ross' goose may be taken daily or possessed.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND DELINEATIONS OF GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WITHIN STATES. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY ON FEDERAL AND STATE PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS.

The season dates for mergansers and coots are the same as those for ducks in the following tables:

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Colorado:			
Ducks	Sept. 30 to Oct. 13 and Nov. 11 to Jan. 18.	Point system.	
Coots		15	30
Geese	Nov. 4 to Jan. 21	2	4
Kansas:			
Ducks		Point system.	
In High Plains area	Oct. 28 to Dec. 17 and Dec. 23 to Jan. 21.		
In remainder of State	Oct. 28 to Dec. 17 and Dec. 23 to Dec. 31.		
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
Dark geese		2	2
Including no more than:			
Canada	Oct. 14 to Dec. 24	1	2
White-fronted		1	2
Light geese	Oct. 28 to Jan. 21		
Snow (including blue)		5	5
Montana:			
Ducks	Sept. 30 to Nov. 28 and Dec. 11 to Jan. 2.	Point system.	
Coots		15	30
Geese	Sept. 30 to Dec. 31	2	4
Nebraska:			
Ducks:			
In High Plains area	Oct. 14 to Jan. 4	Point system.	
In remainder of State	Oct. 7 to Oct. 8 and Oct. 14 to Dec. 10		
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
East of U.S. Highway 183:			
Dark geese	Oct. 7 to Dec. 17	2	2
Including no more than:			
Canada		1	2
White-fronted		1	2
Light geese	Sept. 30 to Dec. 24		
Snow (including blue)		5	5
West of U.S. Highway 183: Dark geese	Oct. 7 to Dec. 17		
Including no more than:			
Canada	Oct. 7 to Nov. 19	2	4
	Nov. 20 to Dec. 17	1	2
White-fronted		1	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined.	Oct. 7 to Nov. 19	2	4
	Nov. 20 to Dec. 17	2	2
Light geese	Sept. 30 to Dec. 24		
Snow (including blue)		5	5
New Mexico:			
Ducks	Oct. 21 to Jan. 21	Point system.	
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
In Bernalillo, Sandoval, Sierra, Valencia and Socorro Counties [1].	Dec. 16 to Dec. 31		
Including no more than:			
Canada		1	2
White-fronted		1	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined.		1	2
Snow (including blue)	Oct. 21 to Jan. 21	5	5
In remainder of State	Oct. 21 to Jan. 21		
Including no more than:			
Canada		2	4
White-fronted		2	4
Canada and white-fronted geese combined.		2	4
Snow (including blue)		5	5
North Dakota:			
Ducks	Sept. 30 to Nov. 26 and Dec. 2 to Dec. 3.	5	10
Including no more than:			
Male mallards		4	8
Female mallards		1	2
Wood ducks		2	4
Canvasback or redhead		1	1
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
Dark geese	Sept. 30 to Nov. 12	2	2

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Including no more than:			
Canada		1	2
White-fronted		2	2
Light geese	Sept. 30 to Dec. 10		
Snow (including blue)		5	5
Oklahoma:			
Ducks		Point system.	
In High Plains area	Oct. 14 to Jan. 4		
In remainder of State	Oct. 21 to Nov. 12 and Dec. 2 to Jan. 7.		
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
In Alfalfa, Bryan, Johnston, and Marshall Counties:			
Dark geese	Nov. 2 to Nov. 12 and Dec. 2 to Jan. 12.	2	2
Including no more than:			
Canada		2	2
White-fronted		1	2
Light geese	Oct. 7 to Nov. 12 and Dec. 2 to Jan. 19.		
Snow (including blue)		5	5
In remainder of State: Dark geese	Oct. 14 to Nov. 12 and Dec. 2 to Jan. 12.	2	2
Including no more that:			
Canada		2	2
White-fronted		1	2
Light geese	Oct. 7 to Nov. 12 and Dec. 2 to Jan. 19.		
Snow (including blue)		5	5
South Dakota:			
Ducks		Point system.	
In High Plains area	Sept. 30 to Nov. 28 and Dec. 16 to Jan. 7.		
In remainder of State	Sept. 30 to Nov. 28		
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
In Buffalo, Brule, Campbell, Charles Mix, Corson east of S.D. Highway 65, Dewey, Gregory, Hughes, Hyde, Lyman, Potter, Stanley, Sully, and Walworth Counties: Dark geese.	Sept. 30 to Nov. 26	2	2
Including no more than:			
Canada		1	2
White-fronted		1	2
Light geese	Sept. 30 to Dec. 24		
Snow (including blue)		5	5
In remainder of State: Dark geese.	Sept. 30 to Dec. 10	2	2
Including no more than:			
Canada [2]		1	2
White-fronted geese		1	2
Light geese	Sept. 30 to Dec. 24		
Snow (including blue)		5	5
Texas:			
Ducks (except fulvous tree duck, black-bellied tree duck, and masked duck).		Point system.	
In High Plains area	Oct. 31 to Jan. 21		
In remainder of State;	Nov. 4 to Nov. 26 and Dec. 16 to Jan. 21.		
Fulvous tree duck, black-bellied tree duck, and masked duck.	Closed season		
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
East of U.S. Highway 81: Dark geese.	Nov. 4 to Dec. 8 and Dec. 16 to Jan. 21.	1	2
Including no more than:			
Canada		1	2
White-fronted		1	2
Light geese	Nov. 4 to Jan. 21		
Snow (including blue)		5	5
West of U.S. Highway 81: Dark geese.	Oct. 31 to Jan. 21	2	4
Including no more than:			
Canada		2	4
White-fronted		2	4
Snow (including blue)		5	5
Wyoming:			
Ducks and coots	Sept. 30 to Oct. 29 and Nov. 16 to Jan. 7.	Point system.[3]	
Geese	Oct. 7 to Jan. 7	2	4

[1] See State and other Federal regulations for special restrictions on Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge.
[2] See State regulations for special seasons and limits on Canada geese in local areas.
[3] In Wyoming, coots are assigned 10 points.

PACIFIC FLYWAY

The Pacific flyway consists of Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington; those portions of Colorado and Wyoming lying west of the Continental Divide; New Mexico west of the Continental Divide plus the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation; and in Montana, the counties of Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Park, and all counties west thereof.

Dark geese are defined as Canada geese and white-fronted geese.

White geese are defined as snow (and blue) geese and Ross' geese.

Shooting (including hawking) hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

FLYWAYWIDE RESTRICTIONS

In all States in the Pacific Flyway:

Aleutian Canada geese—the season is closed on Aleutian Canada geese throughout the flyway.

Canvasbacks/redheads—No more than two canvasbacks or two redheads or one of each may be taken daily nor more than four singly or in the aggregate may be possessed.

Hooded mergansers—No more than one hooded merganser may be taken daily nor more than two may be possessed.

Dark geese—No more than three dark (Canada and white-fronted) geese may be taken daily nor more than six may be possessed.

Snow geese—No more than three snow geese may be taken daily nor more than six may be possessed.

Ross' geese—No more than one Ross' goose may be taken daily or may be possessed.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND DELINEATIONS OF GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WITHIN STATES—SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY ON FEDERAL AND STATE PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

The season dates for mergansers, coots, gallinules and snipe are the same as those for ducks in the following tables. Throughout the flyway the following limits apply except as otherwise noted: Mergansers (except hooded), 5 daily and 10 in possession; hooded mergansers, 1 daily and 2 in possession; and coots and gallinules (singly or in the aggregate), 25 daily and in possession. These limits are in addition to the regular waterfowl limits.

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Arizona:			
Ducks [1]	Oct. 19 to Jan. 19	7	14
Geese		6	6
Mohave and Yuma Counties	Nov. 9 to Jan. 7		
Including no more than:			
Dark (no more than 2 Canada geese or 3 white-fronted geese in the daily bag and possession, limits).		3	3
Snow		3	3
Ross'		1	1
Remainder of State	Nov. 9 to Jan. 19		
Including no more than:			
Dark (no more than 2 Canada geese or 3 white-fronted geese in the daily bag and possession limits).			
Snow		3	3
Ross'		1	1
California:			
Northeastern zone:			
Ducks	Oct. 14 to Jan. 14	7	14
Geese		6	6
Including no more than:			
Dark (Canada and white-fronted geese, singly or in the aggregate).	Oct. 14 to Jan. 14	3	6
Snow	Oct. 14 to Nov. 9	1	1
Ross'	do	1	1
White (no more than 1 Ross' goose daily and in possession).	Nov. 10 to Jan. 14	3	3
Brant	Jan. 13 to Feb. 21	4	8
Southern zone:			
Ducks	Oct. 21 to Jan. 21	7	14
Geese	do	6	6
Including no more than:			
Dark (no more Canada geese than 2 in the daily bag and possession limits in the southern zone except for that portion of district 22 in the southern zone where the daily bag limit on Canada geese is 1 and the possession limit is 2)..		3	3
White (no more than 1 Ross' goose daily and in possession)..		3	3
Brant	Jan. 13 to Feb. 21	4	8

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Colorado River zone:			
Ducks	Oct. 19 to Jan. 19	7	14
Geese	Nov. 9 to Jan. 7	6	6
Including no more than:			
Dark (no more than 2 Canada or 3 white-fronted geese in the daily bag and possession limits).		3	3
White (no more than 1 Ross' goose in the daily bag and possession limits)..		3	3
Brant	Jan. 13 to Feb. 21	4	8
In remainder of State:			
Ducks	Oct. 21 to Jan. 21	7	14
Geese		6	6
Including no more than:			
Canada:			
Counties of Del Norte and Humboldt.	Closed season		
Sacramento Valley area [2]	Dec. 14 to Jan. 21	3	3
San Joaquin Valley area [3]	Oct. 21 to Nov. 23	3	3
Remaining areas	Oct. 21 to Jan. 21	3	3
White-fronted	do	3	3
Canada and white-fronted geese in the aggregate.	do	3	3
White (no more than 1 Ross' goose in the daily bag and possession limits).	Oct. 21 to Dec. 25	3	3
Snow goose:			
North of Interstate Highway 80.	Dec. 26 to Jan. 21	1	1
In remainder of area	do	3	3
Ross' goose	do	1	1
Brant	Jan. 13 to Feb. 21	4	8
Colorado:			
Ducks	Sept. 30 to Oct. 13 and Nov. 4 to Jan. 21.	7	14
Geese (no more than 1 Ross' goose daily and in possession):			
Montezuma and Delores Counties.	Closed		
Brown's Park area [4]	Nov. 4 to Dec. 10	1	1
West Central permit area:			
Delta and Montrose Counties	Nov. 11 to Dec. 24	1 per season.	
Mesa County	do	2 per season.	
Garfield County	Oct. 14 to Dec. 24	Do.	
In remainder of State	do	2	2
Idaho:			
Ducks: [5]			
Counties of Adams, Bear Lake, Boise, Bonneville, Butte, Caribou, Clark, Clearwater, Custer, Franklin, Fremont, Idaho, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Oneida, Teton, Valley, and that portion of Blackfoot Reservoir drainage lying within Bingham County.	Oct. 7 to Jan. 7	7	14
In remainder of State	Oct. 7 to Jan. 14	7	14
Geese:			
Northern 10 counties (Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, Shoshone, Latah, Nez Perce, Lewis, Clearwater, and Idaho).	Oct. 7 to Jan. 7	3	6
Including no more than: Ross		1	1
Fremont County within the North Fork of the Snake River drainage above the new Wendell Bridge near Ashton.	Oct. 14 to Nov. 26	3	6
Including no more than:			
Canada		2	2
Ross' and snow	Closed		
Blain County lying south and west of U.S. Highway 93, and the counties of Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Twin Falls.	Oct. 28 to Dec. 24	3	6
Including no more than:			
Canada		2	2
Ross'		1	1
In remainder of State	Oct. 14 to Dec. 24	3	6
Including no more than: Canada		2	2
Snow:			
In remainder of State except Clark, Fremont, Madison, and Teton Counties.		3	6
Clark, Fremont, Madison, and Teton Counties.	Closed		
Ross':			
In remainder of State except Clark, Fremont, Madison, and Teton Counties.		1	1

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Clark, Fremont, Madison, and Teton Counties.	Closed		
Montana:			
Ducks	Sept. 30 to Dec. 31	7	14
Geese	Sept. 30 to Dec. 31	5	5
Including no more than:			
Dark		3	3
White (no more than 1 Ross' goose in the daily bag and possession limits).			
Nevada:			
Ducks:			
Clark County	Oct. 21 to Jan. 21	7	14
In remainder of State	Oct. 7 to Jan. 7	7	14
Geese:			
Clark County	Dec. 2 to Jan. 21	5	5
Including no more than:			
Dark		2	2
White (including no more than 1 Ross' goose in the daily bag and possession limits).		3	3
Elko County and Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge in White Pine County.[4]	Oct. 7 to Jan. 7	5	5
Including no more than:			
Dark geese (Canada and white-fronted).		2	2
White (including no more than 1 Ross' goose in the daily bag and possession limits).		3	3
White River Valley in Nye County (any species except Aleutian Canada goose).	Dec. 13 to Dec. 24	1 per season.	
In remainder of State [6]		5	5
Including no more than:			
Dark	Nov. 18 to Jan. 21	2	2
White (including no more than 1 Ross' goose in the daily bag and possession limits).	Oct. 7 to Jan. 7	3	3
New Mexico:			
Ducks [1]	do	7	14
Including no more than:			
Female mallard and Mexican-like duck in southwest portion of State.[7]		2	4
Geese:			
North of I-40/U.S. 66	Season closed		
South of I-40/U.S. 66	Oct. 7 to Dec. 17	2	2
Including no more than:			
Ross'		1	1
Oregon:			
Ducks:			
Baker, Gilliam, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wasco Counties.	Oct. 14 to Jan. 21	7	14
In remainder of State	Oct. 14 to Jan. 14	7	14
Geese:			
Western Oregon [8]	do	2	2
Including no more than: Ross'		1	1
Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler Counties.	Oct. 14 to Jan. 14	6	6
Including no more than:			
Dark		3	6
White (no more than 1 Ross' goose in the daily bag and possession limits).		3	6
Baker and Malheur Counties	Oct. 14 to Dec. 24	2	2
Including no more than: Ross'		1	1
Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, and Wasco Counties.	Oct. 14 to Jan. 21	6	6
Including no more than:			
Dark		3	6
White geese (no more than 1 Ross' goose in the daily bag and possession limits).		3	6
Klamath and Lake Counties	Oct. 14 to Jan. 14	6	6
Including no more than:			
Dark geese		3	6
White (no more than 1 Ross' goose in the daily bag and possession limits).	Oct. 14 to Nov. 9	1	1
	Nov. 10 to Jan. 14	3	3
Brant—statewide	Nov. 18 to Feb. 18	4	8
Utah:			
Ducks	Oct. 7 to Jan. 7	7	14
Geese		5	5
Daggett and Uintah Counties	Nov. 4 to Dec. 10		

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Including no more than:			
Canada goose		1	1
Washington County	Nov. 11 to Jan. 21		
Including no more than:			
Dark geese		2	2
Snow		3	3
Ross'		1	1
In remainder of State	Oct. 14 to Dec. 24		
Including no more than:			
Dark geese		2	2
Snow		3	3
Ross'		1	1
Washington:			
Ducks		7	14
Eastern Washington	Oct. 14 to Jan. 21		
Western Washington	Oct. 14 to Jan. 14		
Geese:[9]			
Adams, Benton, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Walla Walla, and Yakima Counties.	Oct. 14 to Jan 21	3	6
Including no more than:			
Snow		2	4
Ross'		1	1
Island, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties.	Oct. 14 to Dec. 31	3	6
Including no more than:			
Snow		2	4
Ross'		1	1
In remainder of State	Oct. 14 to Jan. 14	3	6
Including no more than:			
Snow		2	4
Ross'		1	1
Brant [8]—statewide	Nov. 18 to Feb. 18	3	6
Wyoming:			
Ducks (including mergansers and coots), singly or in the aggregate.	Sept. 30 to Dec. 31	7	14
Geese		2	2
In all of the drainage of the Green River in Teton, Sublette, Sweetwater, Uinta, Carbon, and Lincoln Counties.	Sept. 30 to Dec. 10	2	2
Including no more than: Ross'.		1	1
Those portions of the above named counties not in the drainage of the Green River.	Sept. 30 to Dec. 31	2	2
Including no more than: Ross'		1	1

[1] In Arizona and New Mexico, in the following areas, the daily bag and possession limits on hen mallards and Mexican-like ducks, either singly or in the aggregate, shall be 2 and 4, respectively. In Arizona—that portion of Cochise County, Ariz., lying south and east of the boundary described as follows: Interstate Highway 10 from the New Mexico-Arizona border west to Benson, south on U.S. Highway 80 to the San Pedro River, and south along the San Pedro River to the United States-Mexican border. In New Mexico—that portion of New Mexico lying south and west of the boundary described as follows: Interstate Highway 10 from the New Mexico-Arizona border east to the Continental Divide, then south along the Continental Divide to the United States-Mexico border

[2] In California the Sacramento Valley area is encompassed as follows: Beginning at Willows in Glenn County proceeding south on Interstate Highway 5 to the junction with Hahn Road north of Arbuckle in Colusa County; then easterly on Hahn Road and the Grimes-Arbuckle Road to Grimes on the Sacramento River, then south on the Sacramento River to the Tisdale Bypass; then easterly on the Tisdale Bypass to where it meets O'Banion Road, then easterly on O'Banion Road to State Highway 99; then northerly on State Highway 99 to its junction with the Gridley-Colusa Highway in Gridley in Butte County; then westerly on the Grideley-Colusa Highway to its junction with the River Road; then northerly on the River Road to the Princeton Ferry; then westerly across the Sacramento River to State Highway 45; then northerly on State Highway 45 to its junction with State Highway 162; then continuing northerly on State Highway 45-162 to Glen; then westerly on State Highway 162 to the point of beginning in Willows.

[3] In California the San Joaquin Valley is the area described as follows: Beginning at Modesto in Stanislaus County proceeding west on State Highway 132 to the junction of Interstate 5; then southerly on Interstate 5 to the junction of State Highway 152 in Merced County; then easterly on State Highway 152 to the junction of State Highway 59; then northerly on State Highway 59 to the junction of State Highway 99 at Merced, then northerly and Westerly to the point of beginning in Modesto.

[4] In Colorado, that portion of Moffat County west of County Road from Greystone to Rock Springs, Wyo., and north of Cottonwood Creek, Green River, and Pot Creek.

[5] In Idaho, in Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, and Shoshone Counties, no more than 1 wood duck may be taken daily nor more than 1 may be possessed

[6] In Nevada, the season is closed on all geese in the Pahranagat Valley of Lincoln County; the season is closed on snow and Ross' geese in the Ruby Valley of Elko County and White Pine County.

[7] The southwest portion of New Mexico consists of the area lying south and west of a line running easterly from the Arizona line along Interstate Highway 10 to the Continential Divide, then south along the Continental Divide to the United States-Mexico border.

[8] Western Oregon consists of all counties west of the summit of the Cascades excluding Klamath and Hood River Counties.

[9] See State regulations for days that hunting is permitted.

(e) *Point system—ducks, mergansers, and coots.* The States selecting the point system bag limits on designated species are listed in the table under § 20.105(d).

(1) The point values assigned to the species and sexes are as follows:

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

100 points	70 points	10 points	25 points
Canvasback (except in closed areas) Florida only: Fulvous tree duck	Female mallard Black duck Mottled duck Wood duck [1] Redhead (except in closed areas) Hooded merganser	Pintail Blue-winged teal Green-winged teal [2] Shoveler Gadwall Wigeon Scaup Sea ducks [3] Mergansers (except hooded)	Male mallard and all other species of ducks

[1] In Virginia prior to October 16 the wood duck counts 25 points.
[2] In New Jersey the point value for green-winged teal is 25 by State regulation.
[3] Sea ducks count 10 points each during the point-system season, but during any part of the regular sea duck season falling outside the point-system season, sea duck daily bag and possession limits of 7 and 14, respectively, apply.

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY [1]

100 points	70 points	10 points [2]	35 points
Canvasback (except where closed)	Female mallard Black duck Wood duck Redhead (except where closed) [3] Hooded merganser	Pintail Blue-winged teal Green-winged teal Cinnamon teal Wigeon Shoveler Gadwall Scaup Mergansers (except hooded)	Male mallard and all other species of ducks

[1] In Wisconsin the point-system season is split, with different, more restrictive point values assigned during each split season by State regulation. See Wisconsin regulations for point values assigned by the State for various species during each season.
[2] In Michigan the point values for pintail, blue-winged teal, green-winged teal, cinnamon teal, wigeon, shoveler, gadwall, scaup and mergansers (except hooded) are 15 points each, by State regulation.
[3] In Illinois the redhead is assigned 100 points by State regulation.

CENTRAL FLYWAY

High Plains Unit

100 points	70 points	10 points [1]	20 points
Canvasback (except where closed)	Female mallard Mexican-like duck Wood duck Redhead (except where closed) Hooded merganser	Pintail Blue-winged teal Green-winged teal Cinnamon teal Shoveler Gadwall Wigeon Scaup Merganser (except hooded)	Male mallard and all other species of ducks

Low Plains Unit

100 point	70 points	10 points	25 points
Canvasback (except where closed)	Female mallard Wood duck Redhead (except where closed) Hooded merganser	Pintail Blue-winged teal Green-winged teal Cinnamon teal Shoveler Gadwall Wigeon Scaup Merganser (except hooded)	Male mallard and all other species of ducks

[1] In Wyoming the coot is assigned 10 points.

Pacific Flyway: There is no point system in the Pacific flyway.

Coots have no point value (except in Wyoming) but conventional bag limits of 15 daily and 30 in possession apply.

(2) The daily bag limit is reached when the point value of the last bird taken added to the sum of the point values of the other birds already taken during that day reaches or exceeds 100 points. The possession limit is the maximum number of birds of species and sex which could have legally been taken in 2 days. The shooting (including hawking) hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset daily unless otherwise indicated.

(f) *Scaup only season.* A special hunting season for scaup only is prescribed according to the following table in those areas which are described, delineated, and designated in the hunting regulations of the respective States.

Daily bag limit	5
Possession limit	10

Shooting (including hawking) hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND DELINEATIONS OF GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WITHIN STATES

Seasons in the Atlantic flyway:	
Connecticut	Jan. 16 to Jan. 31.
Florida	Jan. 21 to Jan. 31.
Maryland	Nov. 25 to Dec. 2.
Massachusetts	Jan. 10 to Jan. 25.
New Hampshire	Dec. 18 to Jan. 2.
New Jersey	Jan. 5 to Jan. 20.
New York:	
Long Island zone only	Jan. 6 to Jan. 21.
Rhode Island	Jan. 13 to Jan. 28.
Virginia	Jan. 22 to Jan. 31.
Seasons in the Mississippi flyway:	
Indiana	Dec. 10 to Dec. 25.
Louisiana	Jan. 13 to Jan. 28.
Michigan	Nov. 30 to Dec. 15.
Ohio (north zone only)	Dec. 8 to Dec. 23.
Wisconsin	Nov. 25 to Dec. 10.

(g) *Extra teal during regular season.* A hunting season for teal ducks (blue-winged only) is prescribed according to the following table. The daily bag and possession limits specified here are in addition to any other bag and possession limits specified elsewhere.

Daily bag limit	2
Possession limit	4

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND DELINEATIONS OF GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WITHIN STATES

Seasons in the Atlantic flyway:	
Connecticut:	
North zone	Oct. 21 to Oct. 29.
South zone	Oct. 21 to Oct. 25.
Delaware	Nov. 8 to Nov. 16.
Georgia	Nov. 22 to Nov. 30.
Maine (statewide)	Oct. 2[1] to Oct. 10.
Massachusetts	Oct. 11 to Oct. 19.
New Hampshire	Oct. 5 to Oct. 13.
New York:	
North zone	Oct. 4 to Oct. 12.
South zone	Oct. 11 to Oct. 19.
West zone	Do.
Lake Champlain	Oct. 4 to Oct. 12.
North Carolina:	
East zone	Nov. 22 to Nov. 25.
West zone	Oct. 4 to Oct. 7.
South Carolina	Dec. 8 to Dec. 16.
Vermont	Oct. 4 to Oct. 12.
West Virginia	Oct. 6 to Oct. 14.
Seasons in the Mississippi flyway:	
None.	
Seasons in the Central flyway:	
North Dakota	Sept. 30 to Oct. 8.
Seasons in the Pacific flyway:	
None.	

[1] Shooting hours on first day begin at sunrise.

(h) *Extra scaup during regular season.* The following States may take an extra bag limit on scaup of two daily and four in possession during the regular duck hunting season. The daily bag and possession limits specified here are in addition to any other bag and possession limits specified elsewhere.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND DELINEATIONS OF GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WITHIN STATES

Seasons in the Atlantic flyway:	
Delaware	Nov. 8 to Dec. 2.
	Dec. 20 to Jan. 13.
Georgia	Nov. 22 to Dec. 2.
	Dec. 13 to Jan. 20.
Maine (south zone only)	Oct. 2[1] to Oct. 21.
	Nov. 10 to Dec. 9.
New York:	
North zone	Oct. 4 to Oct. 29.
	Nov. 10 to Dec. 3.
South zone	Oct. 11 to Oct. 22.
	Nov. 3 to Dec. 10.
West zone	Oct. 11 to Nov. 16.
	Dec. 20 to Jan. 1.
North Carolina	Nov. 22 to Nov. 25.
	Dec. 6 to Jan. 20.
Pennsylvania	Oct. 11[2] to Oct. 21.
	Nov. 1 to Dec. 9.
South Carolina	Nov. 22 to Nov. 25.
	Dec. 6 to Jan. 20.
West Virginia	Oct. 4 to Oct. 21.
	Dec. 13 to Jan. 13.

[1] Shooting hours on first day begin at sunrise.
[2] Shooting hours on first day begin at 12 noon.

(i) *Special scaup and goldeneye season.* A special hunting season for scaup and goldeneye is prescribed according to the following table in the Lake Champlain areas which are described, delineated, and designated in the hunting regulations of the respective States.

The daily bag limit is three scaup or three goldeneyes or three in the aggregate.

The possession limit is six scaup or six goldeneyes or six in the aggregate.

Shooting (including hawking) hours: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

Check State regulations for additional restrictions and delineations of geographical areas within States.

Seasons in the Lake Champlain area only:	
New York	Nov. 25 to Dec. 10.
Vermont	Do.

Section 20.106 is amended as follows:

§ 20.106 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for sandhill cranes.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, open seasons are prescribed for taking sandhill cranes with a daily bag limit of three and a possession limit of six, and with shooting (including hawking) hours from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, in the following areas for the dates indicated:

(a) In the Central flyway portion of Colorado except the San Luis Valley area, season dates are September 30 through November 5, 1978.

(b) In the New Mexico counties of Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Quay, and Roosevelt, and in that portion of Texas west of a boundary from the Oklahoma border along U.S. Highway 287 to U.S. Highway 87 at Dumas, along U.S. Highway 87 (and including all of Howard and Lynn Counties) to U.S. Highway 277 at San Angelo, and along U.S. Highway 277 to the International Toll Bridge in Del Rio, season dates in the New Mexico portion are October 28, 1978, through January 28, 1979, and in the Texas portion, October 31, 1978, through January 31, 1979.

(c) In that portion of Oklahoma lying west of U.S. Highway 81, and in that portion of Texas east of a boundary from the Oklahoma border along U.S. Highway 287 to U.S. Highway 87 at Dumas, then along U.S. Highway 87 to San Angelo, and west of a line running north from San Angelo along U.S. Highway 277 to Abilene, along State Highway 351 to Albany, along U.S. Highway 283 to Vernon, and then along U.S. Highway 183 east to the

Oklahoma border, season dates in the Oklahoma portion are November 25, 1978, through January 21, 1979, and in the Texas portion, December 5, 1978, through January 31, 1979.

(d) In the North Dakota counties of Kidder, Stutsman, Benson, Emmons, Pierce, McLean, Sheridan, and Burleigh, and in the South Dakota counties of Campbell, Walworth, Potter, Dewey, and Corson, the season dates are September 7 through September 11, 1978.

(e) In all of the Central flyway portion of Montana except Sheridan County and that area south and west of Interstate Highway 90 and the Big Horn River, the season dates are September 30 through November 5, 1978.

(f) In Platte and Goshen Counties, Wyo., the season dates are October 7 through November 5, 1978.

(g) Every hunter participating in the sandhill crane hunting season must obtain and carry in his possession while hunting sandhill cranes a Federal sandhill crane hunting permit available without cost from conservation agencies in the States where crane hunting seasons are allowed. The permit must be displayed to an authorized law enforcement official upon request.

Section 20.107 is amended as follows:

§ 20.107 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for whistling swans.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, open seasons are prescribed for taking a limited number of whistling swans in the States of Montana, Nevada, and Utah, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The season must run concurrently with the season for ducks.

(b) In Montana, no more than 500 permits may be issued authorizing each permittee to take one whistling swan in the county of Teton. The season dates are September 30, 1978, through December 31, 1978.

(c) In Nevada, no more than 500 permits may be issued authorizing each permittee to take one whistling swan in the county of Churchill. The season dates are October 7, 1978, through January 7, 1979.

(d) In Utah, no more than 2,500 permits may be issued authorizing each permittee to take one whistling swan. The season dates are October 7, 1978, through January 7, 1979.

(e) Permits and correspondingly numbered metal locking seals must be issued by the appropriate State conservation agency on an equitable basis without charge.

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Section 20.109 is amended as follows.

§ 20.109 Extended seasons, limits, and hours for taking migratory game birds by falconry.

Subject to the applicable provisions of this part, the areas open to hunting, the respective open seasons (dates inclusive), the hawking hours, and the daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Daily bag limit	3 singly or in the aggregate.
Possession limit	6 singly or in the aggreate.

These limits apply during both regular hunting seasons and extended falconry seasons.

Hawking hours: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset daily, unless otherwise noted.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

Atlantic flyway:	
Maryland:	
Mourning doves	Sept. 1 to Oct. 14. Nov. 14 to Jan. 15.
Rails and gallinules	Sept. 1 to Dec. 16.
Woodcock	Oct. 5 to Jan. 19.
Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots (except Canada geese in the Delmarva Peninsula).	Oct. 6 to Jan. 20.
Canada geese in the Delmarva Peninsula.	Oct. 12 to Jan. 26.
Massachusetts:	
Ducks, geese, and coots	Oct. 11 to Jan. 20.
Virginia:	
Mourning doves and rails	Sept. 9 to Dec. 11. Dec. 23 to Jan. 4.
Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots (except Canada geese in the Delmarva Peninsula).	Oct. 4 to Oct. 7. Oct. 10 to Jan. 20.
Canada geese in the Delmarva Peninsula.	No extended falconry season.
Mississppi flyway:	
Illinois:	
All species of migratory game birds allowed under regular seasons (except mourning doves and sora/Virginia rails).	Nov. 11 to Jan. 15.
Mourning doves and sora/Virginia rails.	Dec. 10 to Jan. 15.
Indiania:	
Rails and gallinules	Nov. 11 to Dec. 17.
Woodcock	Sept. 1 to Sept. 15. Oct. 2 to Oct. 6.
Ducks, mergansers, and coot:	
North Zone	Oct. 1 to Oct. 20.
South Zone	Oct. 1 to Nov. 10.
Michigan:	
Rails and woodcock	Sept. 11 to Nov. 14.
Snipe	Sept. 1 to Dec. 15.
Gallinules	Oct. 1 to Dec. 9.
Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots.	Oct. 1 to Dec. 15.
Minnesota:	
All species of migratory game birds allowed under regular seasons.	Oct. 1 to Nov. 30 [1]
Missouri:	
Mourning doves only	Sept. 1 to Dec. 16.
Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots.	Oct. 24 to Jan. 20.
Central flyway:	
Colorado:	
Geese	Oct. 21 to Nov. 4.
New Mexico:	
Daily bag and possession limits in New Mexico are 2 and 4, respectively, singly or in the aggregate of migratory species named below and resident game species..	
Mourning doves, white-winged doves, and band-tailed pigeons.	Sept. 1 to Nov. 16. Nov. 23 to Dec. 22.
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules.	Oct. 7 to Jan. 21.
Sandhill cranes	Oct. 14 to Jan. 28. [2]
Oklahoma:	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots,.	Oct. 16 to Jan. 19.
Pacific flyway:	
Colorado:	
Geese	Oct. 21 to Nov. 3.
Idaho:	
Mourning doves only	Sept. 1 to Oct. 20.
Ducks and mergansers	Oct. 7 to Jan. 21.
New Mexico:	
Daily bag and possession limits in New Mexico are 2 and 4, respectively, singly or in the aggregate of migratory species named below and resident game species..	
Mourning doves, white-winged doves, and band-tailed pigeons.	Sept. 1 to Nov. 16. Nov. 23 to Dec. 22.
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules.	Oct. 7 to Jan. 21.
Utah:	
Ducks, geese, mergansers coots, and snipe only.	Oct. 7 to Jan. 21.
Washington:	
All species of migratory game birds allowed under regular seasons:.	
Eastern Washington (area defined elsewhere).	
Western Washington (area defined elsewhere).	Oct. 7 to Oct 13. Jan. 15 to Jan. 21

[1] In Minnesota, the Hawking hours for ducks vary as follows: Oct. 1—9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Oct. 2 through Oct. 20—½ hour before sunrise to 4 p.m.; and Oct. 21 through Nov. 19—½ hour before sunrise through sunset.

[2] In New Mexico, open only in the counties of Chavez, Curry, DeBaca, Eddy, Lea, Quay, and Roosevelt.

ECONOMIC IMPACT REVIEW

The Service has determined that this document does not contain a major action requiring preparation of an economic impact statement under Executive Order 11949 and OMB Circular A-107.

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